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W. P. WALTON.

### DRIPPING SPRINGS

—As several parties are leaving this week we will have room for all who may wish to come. To-night, Friday, we have a phantasm party. All Crab Orchard will be here and everybody is invited to attend. On next Friday, August 12th, I will have seven cottages vacant and will rent them to parties who wish to keep house at \$5 per week. I furnish cooking stove and utensils, 1 chair, 2 beds and a table to each room. Now is your chance if you want to keep house.

—Will rent the "Governor's Lodge," three rooms furnished and everything ready for housekeeping at \$20 per week. Mr. El Walker's family, who are now occupying it, leave to-day, Friday.

—After this date we will only have two dances per week, which will be on Tuesday and Friday nights.

Respectfully,

D. G. SEAGRAM.

### Cleveland's Substitute

—Aparose of the great hue and cry respecting the failure of President Cleveland to serve in the army and his securing a Pole as a substitute, which has been purposely and maliciously exaggerated into a display of unpopularity, the residents of this village, irrespective of political faith, unite in pronouncing such reports grossly libelous.

When Fort Sumpter was fired upon among the first to enlist were his two younger brothers, Fred and Earl, who fearfully placed their widowed mother under the protection of Grover, then in Buffalo. The legacy left her by his father, the spiritual shepherd of a rural flock, was extremely limited, and to Grover she looked for support, and, as one of the aged villagers proudly expressed it, never was a son more solicitous of the comfort and welfare of a mother. She was a woman of sunny temperament and her dignified personality gave character to the village. Her hospitable home was open to her friends, and her ministrations to the sick and infirm, in the town endeared her to all. She died on Grover and he was devoted to her. On a small salary, which he earned by close application to the desk in a law office and at times by clerking in several stores, he continued to contribute by a generous self-denial to keep up the old homestead and maintain his mother as his mistress. When it became known to the old lady that Grover was called upon to go to the front, she, recognizing her dependent position, was loth to give consent to his departure. Mindful only of her welfare, he finally agreed to secure, if possible, a substitute, and when successful his first thought was of his mother, and to her he imparted the glad tidings by the first mail.

Charles White, the old patriarch of the village, who is on the wrong side of 70, when questioned concerning the widely circulated stories of the President's cowardice, shook his head in disgust that such absurd stories should be deemed worthy of the least consideration.

"You need not accept my word for it," said he, "but you may ask any of the old or town people and see if they do not agree with me in the statement that no braver boys ever lived than the Cleveland. The story of cowardice in connection with that honorable family, especially to those who know all the boys from their infancy, is as contemptible as the attempt of a certain New York paper most pronouncedly hostile to Cleveland to associate some scandal to the fact of his having presented a riding pony to a young lady of this village whom he has known since childhood. Cowardice is just the reverse of Cleveland's character; but I presume political moonshine must be had, no matter whose name trails in the dust."—(Holland (N. Y.) Special.)

A pretty Nebraska widow, who had encased the affections of many respectable farmers living near Wyman, was recently ordered to leave the country by a band of regulators under penalty of a coat of tar and feathers. Nothing daunted by the threat, the widow bought a double-barrel shotgun and awaited developments. When the regulators approached the house to carry out their threat, the sight of a loaded gun pointed from one of the windows deterred them and one of the number, in admiration of the woman's pluck, advanced under a flag of truce, proposed marriage and was accepted on the spot. Then a parson was called in, the marriage was celebrated and the night wound up with a round of festivities.

A recipe for a good, harmless hair-wash: Take of scalded black tea 2 ounces, with 1 gallon boiling water; strain and add 3 ounces glycerine; tincture cantharides 1 ounce and bay rum 1 quart. Mix well by shaking and then add perfume. —(Scientific American.)

### CRAB ORCHARD, LINCOLN COUNTY.

—Crab Orchard Springs are out at their gayest.

—The election passed off without any disturbance at all.

—Vegetation is parched and everything suffering for want of rain.

—The motto of the Good Templars is still "Onward and upward."

—In addition to other afflictions little Jennie Evans is very ill with flux.

—Many of our young people frequently attend the balls at Dripping Springs.

—Services at the Christian church next Saturday night, Sunday morning and night by Rev. J. Q. Montgomery, pastor.

—Dr. Pettus' host of friends regret exceedingly that he was defeated in the late legislative race, which position he is in every way so well qualified to fill and for which he had so honestly and nobly striven.

—Dr. Joe Graham leaves this week for the far West. Besides being an excellent M. D., he is a most worthy young man and our people are very sorry indeed to have him leave our midst and cast his lot among strangers. Many warm friends join us in bidding him God speed.

—That charming Lexington beauty, Miss Mattie Lee Smith, is the guest of Miss Louisa James. They are now attending the Danville fair. Miss Baker, of Jessamine, is visiting Miss Belle Livingston. Mrs. Taylor, of Louisville, and Miss Cora Van Pelt, of Danville, are the guests of the Misses Hardin. Miss Maggie Davis is visiting in Garrard. Miss Jennie Kennedy presides as organist at the Christian church during her absence. Mrs. Leila Cannon, of Nicholasville, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Curtis. Miss Louis Douglas, of Danville, is visiting relatives here. Miss Minnie Myers has joined her cousin, Misses Leah and Eva Seger, at the Harris House. Little Kate Smith has been very sick.

### The Burning of Moscow

Those who visited Louisville last fall during the production of the "Last Days of Pompeii" will say that it was one of the grandest sights ever seen in this section of the country. Being encouraged by the great success of last season, the management is determined to eclipse all previous productions. Beginning Thursday August 18, continuing every Thursday and Saturday evening, closing October 22, this last achievement, "The Burning of Moscow." It is needless to say to those versed in history that a better subject could not have been selected. The reputation of the Paris, as kings of all pyrotechnic exhibitions of the world is not disputed. Louisville is the only city in the United States, outside of New York, that has a contract to give all of their productions yearly. Over 200 persons in correct costumes, made and imported from France and Russia, will be seen. Napoleon and his staff, on spirited horses, at the head of the French army, when entering the doomed city, will be a sight never to be forgotten.

Anyone desirous can obtain an instructive pamphlet giving a correct synopsis of that grand event, by addressing James B. Camp, Business Manager, Louisville. Thousands of strangers will be in the city on the opening day, to witness the grand street parade of the French and Russian armies; also the illumination of Fourth Avenue at night, from Main Street to the Amphitheatre, a distance of nearly three miles. A torchlight procession of 500 torch-bearers. The above will be the same as used at Queen Victoria's Jubilee in England last June. Don't fail to be on hand Thursday, August 18th, as cheap rates will be given on all railroads.

E. J. P. asks how he may construct a reliable telephone from his store to his residence, a distance of 180 rods. A. C. Cut a circular aperture about 6 inches in diameter in a board. Over this tack a piece of parchment. To a wire solder a button or disk one inch in diameter. Pass the wire through a hole in the center of the parchment, support the latter horizontally, well and suspend a weight to the wire. Prepare two of these. When dry place one at each end of the line and stretch a wire tightly between them, drawing against the buttons. Where the wire goes around corners, which should be avoided as much as possible, one or more loops of marine maul can be used to carry it. It must touch no solid object. If properly arranged, on talking against one drum head the sound will be reproduced by the other. —(Scientific American.)

The advance of education in India is marked by the postoffice statistics for the ten years ending March 31st, 1886. The number of letters increased from 119,000, 000 to 238,000,000 per annum, and the increase in the number of newspapers was no less than 115 per cent.

Instead of the boasted 50,000, it is doubtful if the Prohibition ticket has received 5,000 votes in the State. Two years ago this same old Fox, that had his tail cut so short Monday, received 38,617 votes. —(Louisville Times.)

The most wonderful remedy for chicken cholera ever discovered is Ganser's Cholera Cure. It is guaranteed to cure and is sold by all druggists.

### MT VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

—Dr. Grant will be in Mt. Vernon the first week of Circuit court.

—Rockcastle can sympathize with Lincoln in her tribulation for she has been there to these many years.

—Does the disappearance of Mr. T. T. Wallace have any connection with next week's court and will he work up any more bear stories?

—Circuit Court convenes here on Monday next, 8th inst. Indications are that not much business will be transacted, the docket being light.

—A number of our republican friends become rather enthusiastic late Monday evening when some one announced the election of Bradley.

—Ward carried Rockcastle 218 over Webb and latest advices say he also carried Laurel a few votes making his majority in the neighborhood of 225.

—They tell it that a number of people purposely allowed themselves to be snatched, of late, to get an excuse for visiting the still house "over the hill."

—Mr. A. J. Reed, of Richmond, was here Wednesday looking after the jewelry and paraphernalia of the Old Fellows lodge that disbanded here some six years since.

—A negro was injured by the explosion of a torpedo on the railroad at Pleasant Valley Wednesday, a piece of tin going into his back. It was extracted and the doctor is over his scare.

—Mr. Barrett, the popular Supervisor, was here a few days since. Three Illinois gentlemen are here to close up their trade with Mr. S. W. Parrie for his property here. They are looking at other property and may purchase several tracts.

—Steve Prewitt, who shot Jack Baker on election day, had his examining trial set for Wednesday. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$300 to appear at Circuit Court. The wounded man is reported to be in a bad shape and not likely to recover.

—We understand James Poynter and Tom Brown have been holding discussions on the prohibition question pro and con in the Big Glades to large and appreciative audiences. Dr. Lovell and Nate Evans made a horseback tour of Jackson county Wednesday and Thursday.

—Col. J. B. Fish dropped in here on Tuesday morning. He says he is not the correspondent who reported the Yellow Creek fight. The Colonel is further into the mountains than he used to be. Mr. McDuff Ward is in Louisville on business. R. L. Newcomb has gone to Galveston.

—After the shot that struck Baker was fired but one pistol was seen and that was an old, rusty, single barreled sliver that was loaded with patching around the bullet like a riddle. Several knives or scythes blades from 18 to 22 inches in length were in the hands of boys from 12 to 16 years of age. It was claimed by some of the friends that there were corn knives, but in our experience we had failed to observe a double edged blade.

—George Johnson, a bright looking 11 year old boy got off the train here Monday evening claiming to be an orphan from near Parkville. He says he had been taken by a man named Merrimon at Junction City to raise, after the death of his parents. For some reason which the boy says he is unable to explain, Mr. Merrimon bought him a ticket to this point, placed him on the train and told him he didn't need him any longer. Circuit Clerk Wm. Fish took the boy home with him to remain until he finds a place or home.

The Ohio convention marks out the leading issue for 1887 and 1888. It is whether the country will approve the record of democratic administration by continuing its commission to serve the people, or will stigmatize the conduct of the public servants it chose in 1884. There is no middle ground. The Cleveland administration is either a success or a failure. It is either true or false to its mission. It has either faithfully tried to redeem the pledge it made to the people—not to any section, sect, party or faction, but to the whole people—or it has faithfully failed to make good these covenants. On the main issue there is no middle ground. —(New York Star.)

The girls who bathe at Long Branch are a sight. They have discarded the old flannel trousers and biggy waist and substituted thin, gauzy raiment of the most exquisite patterns and which show their pretty forms to perfection. For shoes they wear heavy embroidered white cloth with black silk tops. One girl seen bathing at the West End a few days ago wore black silk close fitting trousers and waist, yellow stockings and white shoes. She did not go in the surf at all, but reclined quietly on the beach, allowing the breakers to caress her pretty form, all unconscious of the attention which she was attracting.

The new law requiring bicyclist to carry bells and lamps produces some amusing spectacles. One wheelman has a cow bell fastened on his machine so that it rings dolorously with the motion of the wheel. All over town youngsters who cannot afford new bells ride about carrying dinner bells in their hands, which they ring when they approach pedestrians. This complies with the law. —(Washington dispatch.)

—The report that Stanley, the African explorer is dead, is denied.

### LONDON, LAUREL COUNTY.

—Our public school opened Monday with Elly Stillings principal and Miss Lizzie Fogle, of Casey, assistant teacher.

—A Swiss boy whose name we have not learned suicided Tuesday night in the Swiss colony by placing the muzzle of a double-barrel shot-gun in his mouth and firing, pulling the trigger with his toe.

—Elmer, the little son of D. R. Brock, has been very low with recitient fever. Miss Mattie Brown is sick. Dan Jones has fever. C. C. Williams, Esq., Mt. Vernon, was here Tuesday. "Fishie" passed thro' on night train Monday night. J. S. Hocker and George McAlister, Stanford, were here Tuesday night. Col. A. J. Reed, of Richmond, was here on I. O. O. F. business Wednesday.

—This county gives Bradley a majority of about 500 votes; Ward for the legislature 1 majority. No disturbances at any of the polling places, although the republicans used both money and whisky "on the sly" and got terribly mad now because they were caught in their disreputable practices. Their anger, however, puts no changes on anybody and does not alter the fact of their having used "bottle and booze."

—A bloody battle was fought in Clay county on the evening of election. A. J. Hacker was killed outright, his body receiving four shots. D. C. Lytle, Hacker's brother-in-law, received a pistol shot wound in the head, from which he cannot possibly recover. Daugherty White was shot thro' the abdomen and seriously if not fatally wounded, and John G. White slightly wounded in the arm. The fight came up over the vote of a negro, who had cast his ballot for Buckner and was fought between Hacker and Lytle on one side and four of the Whites and two negroes on the other. There is considerable bad blood in Clay and never fails to manifest itself when a "big rig" votes the democratic ticket.

—O. J. Uncle Jonathan Hatcher, who lives near town, has been a voter for 60 years and in all that time has never crowned or scratched a democratic ticket. His first presidential ballot was cast for Old Hickory Jackson and he has been putting them in as Old Hickory would have him ever since. He is not only a stalwart democrat, but in his time was a near relative of Sampson in point of strength and physical endurance, having more than once felled the timber and split 200 oak fence rails in four hours' time; on one occasion cut and put up 49 cords of wood in ten days, or four cords a day, and at different times has cut eight acres of heavy oak and wheat in one day with an ordinary cradle and in the primeval days would hew a whole set of house logs in a day sufficient for a building ten rounds or logs high and 18x20 feet in dimensions. He is now in feeble health, being 81 years old, but is always well enough to get to the polls and cast a straight democratic vote.

### Medical Examining Board.

(To the Editor of the INTERIOR JOURNAL.)  
SOMERSET, Aug. 1.—Will you please make mention in your paper that the Medical Examining Board of the 8th judicial district met in Somerset July 25th for the examination of applicants to practice medicine and will meet again in the same place on September 14th. The Board is composed of the following gentlemen: Dr. Brogan, of Stanford; Dr. J. A. Phillips, of Monticello; Dr. J. B. Kinnaird, of Lancaster; Dr. A. W. Johnston, of Danville, and Dr. I. S. Warren, of Somerset.

### Amos Keeler.

There's a lively little creature which is known as Amos Keeler, and it couldn't be much drier if it tried. It is ever sweetly singing while about you swiftly winging, seeking out a place for stinging through your hide; In gossamer's ever wadin', lanced from grandam and from maiden, till its veins are overlaid with the stuff; And yet, though rich its diet, the small creature never is quiet, and you really can't come nigh it—which is odd; You think you're sure to lann it, and against the wall you jam it, but you'll sadly mutter, dammit, and itskip; Oo, smart is Amos Keeler, on your very nose he'll teeter, and he says "this my meeter," as he nips.

Confound the wretched creature, he swells your every feature, as he bleeds you like a leech or dineth off your face. Oh, if he sang in Elean, no stronger proof I'm needin' of the cause of the second from the place. —(Philadelphia Times.)

—Of Senator Evans' five daughters only one remains unmarried. His twin sons, one of whom was married a few days ago are graduates of Yale, and were very popular while at college. One of them was valedictorian of his class, while his brother stood very near the top.

An old lady of Bakersfield observed: "How styles have changed since I was a girl. They used to wear dresses up to the neck and gloves with only one button. Now they wear gloves to the neck and dresses with only one button." —(Kern (Cal.) Gazette.)

The Norman missionaries teach that no unmarried woman can go to heaven. They may be wrong, but it is just as true that no woman wants to go to heaven before she is married. —(Lowell City Zen.)

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W. P. WALTON.

THERE are various causes that led to the defeat of the democratic ticket in Lincoln. In the first place Dr. Pettus, while a good man, was not generally known and the tie industriously circulated that his candidacy was in the interest of the whiskey element drove the prohibition cranks from his support. His voting record was also clouded and many gave as an excuse for not voting for him that he had voted for Bobbitt and once or more against the nominees of the democratic party. All these combined made his candidacy unpopular, though many of the reports were arrant and unscrupulous lies. Then there was absolutely no organization in the party and no enthusiasm could be produced, even for the State ticket. The votes that Bobbitt got came almost entirely from the democratic ranks and Davidson's still hunt did the balance.

HARRISBURG is to have another newspaper, the "Mercer County Sings." Judge T. M. Cardwell writes us that he will launch it upon the sea of journalism, or words to that effect, August 11, and requests an exchange. There is not much money in one much less in two papers in a town of 2,000 inhabitants, and while we wish the handsome "boss" success, we believe he could make twice as much at any other business and work less than half as hard. The newspaper business is one continual "damned horrid grind," with remuneration far short of the value of labor.

The Louisville Post says "that from present indications Governor Buckner's majority will hardly reach more than 15,000 or 20,000. This is enough for all practical purposes, but it is wonderfully small when compared with the majority of 41,431 for Knott or even the 34,831 majority given President Cleveland." It attributes the falling off in the democratic vote to boss rule and the fact that the people did not want an "old fossil" like Gov. Buckner at the head of the ticket.

We never took any stock in the barbecue business though we did invest in one. The money spent on them, if it had been used to get out the vote in the doubtful counties, would have counted ten times as much, in fact we doubt if the burgo business won us a single vote. Bradley says the one in Garrard helped him and it seems so too since he carried the county by over 300.

A FRIEND writes to suggest that as Davidson has not resigned his office of Master Commissioner he is ineligible to a seat in the Legislature under the constitution. An examination of the matter, however, revealed the fact that the general statutes defining the offices incompatible does not include the commissioner who is an officer of the court and not of the State.

As the returns showing republican gains came in the Louisville Commercial began to shed its independent cloak and finally when there was some chance of the republicans carrying the State, it doffed it altogether and came out in its true colors. No democrat ought to allow himself to be taken in by an "independent" paper of that kind.

It is said that the republicans have elected a man to the legislature in Pulaski that hasn't sense enough to find his way to Frankfort. There are several others we could name that are in the same fix but we'll bet they'll manage to get there and draw that mileage and per diem as big as a dog.

YESTERDAY the great State of Texas voted on a prohibitory amendment to the constitution. The canvass has created as usual great excitement, but the prospect was that the decision by a small majority would be that the Lone Star State would continue to take "sugar in there."

WHAT'S the matter with the little idiot of the Monticello Sign? His little bowels seem to be out of order and between the paroxysms the unintelligible gargon that he emits must be very disgusting to his two or three readers.

JULY was the hottest month known for years. On no day at noon was the mercury below 85° and for the most part it played among the 90's. On several days it went over 100° and on the 29th registered 102°.

The good news comes from Muhlenberg that R. Y. Thomas was defeated for the legislature. His record in the last body was enough to disgust a dog, but let that pass. He's deadlier than a mackerel now.

The prohibitionists were no where in Louisville. Fox's vote was but 267 and local option was defeated by over 10,000. The object of Fox seems to have been better understood at home than abroad.

The public debt reduction for July was nearly five millions. The total cash in the treasury is \$456,304,361.00, of which \$261,143,703.00 is available for the further reduction of the debt.

Nor this time, nor even another time, Meester Bradley. Now go to your hole and stay there. You ought to have more sense than you started out with, although you have less credit.

Poor old Kentucky! She seems to be going to the dogs with the swiftness of a streak of lightning.

The Danville Advocate is eclipsing even its former fine record in its Fair daily this week.

The Courier Journal of yesterday says: 54 counties show a loss from the Cleveland majority (34,831) of 7,710. If the ratio of gains and losses continues the same for the remaining 40 per cent., the net democratic loss will be 12,550, leaving Buckner a majority over Bradley of 21,080. There is nothing whatever in the situation which indicates a greater proportionate loss in the remaining counties, and with the information obtainable this morning we do not doubt Buckner will have 22,000 more votes than Bradley. If the majority is not as large as our pride demands the democrats have only themselves to blame.

The returns from all over the State show a very alarming decrease of the democratic vote, attributable to general apathy and the prohibition craze. The claim, however, that Bradley is elected governor is too wild to admit of consideration, but Buckner's majority is as distressingly small as to make a true democrat ashamed of the result.

## THE ELECTION RETURNS.

The Result Not What Was Expected, But Buckner Gets There All The Same.

The following dispatch was received last night:

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 4.—The Democratic Central Committee are confident of 15,000 or 20,000 plurality for Buckner and this evening's Times pins its faith to those figures, though they may go as low as 10,000 or 12,000.

Pulaski gave Bradley 1,051; Whitley 1,005 and Laurel 600.

The democrats carried Lexington by 55 majority, the first time for years.

Bourbon gives the State ticket 150 majority and elects Thomas to the legislature by 300.

Phelps was elected representative from Casey and Russell over Bryan McClure, democrat.

Sweet Owen gave Buckner 2,000 majority, 200 more than she gave Cleveland. Evansville did it.

Louisville gave the State ticket 2,000 majority and elected a straight democratic legislative ticket.

Wayne elected a republican to the legislature again and gave Bradley 50 majority. Ramsey, dem., for school commissioner was elected.

It is supposed that Bradley was telegraphed to come to Louisville to see how the returns from the mountain counties should read.

The democratic majority will simmer down to perhaps 10,000, but we can't think it will go below that. The result is more of a democratic loss than a republican gain.

The Louisville Commercial said yesterday: Seventy-eight counties show that the democrats lose 24,441 votes. Only six counties show a gain for the democrats. At the same ratio Buckner will have but a majority of 5,725.

Not a single vote was cast in Daviess county for the labor ticket. Some alleged laborites, who have been heretofore conspicuous in democratic primaries, worked very hard for the republican ticket, however. [Owensboro News.]

Madison county elects Crenshaw to the legislature by 124 majority and gives Gen. Buckner 175 majority. Gov. McCreary deserves all the credit for it. Would that Lincoln had a man that could so effectually harmonize conflicting elements.

Returns from 61 legislative districts show the election to the House of 49 democrats, 13 republicans, one prohibitionist and one union labor candidate. There are 36 districts yet to hear from which will largely increase the democratic list. [C. J. 31.]

D. J. Curry, the republican prohibition candidate for the legislature in Mercer, beat Phil Thompson by 221. The women made disgraceful spectacles of themselves by singing and shouting around the polls and taking part in what was entirely out of their sphere.

Returns in from 75 out of 118 counties in Kentucky show republican gains of over 24,000 and reduces the apparent democratic majority to 8,000. Bradley, the republican candidate claims the State. The democrats are much humiliated and the Cleveland administration is blamed for more than its share in the result. [Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.]

## NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—Bardotown went dry Monday.

—An incendiary started a \$250,000 fire at Evansville.

—The local optionists cast 4,136 votes in Louisville to the opposition's 15,302.

—New York republicans will hold their State convention at Saratoga, Sept. 14.

—Fifteen shares of stock in the National Bank of Lebanon sold at \$152 to \$154.25.

—E. W. Robertson, congressman elect in the 8th Louisiana district, died Wednesday.

—A 13-year-old Ohio boy has confessed that he murdered his mother because she showed favoritism to his sister.

—Auditor Hewitt thinks that druggists who sell whisky even on the prescription of a physician have to take out the \$100 license.

—In a general row at Manchester on election day A. J. Hacker was killed, Dale Lytle fatally wounded and several others injured.

—James Merin fell from Brooklyn Bridge, a distance of 139 feet, to the water and received no apparent injuries.

—The report that Jay Gould and his associates are about to capture China by means of a bank with a capital of \$2,000,000 is denied by him.

—At Bay St. Louis, Louisiana, John Ludner beat his wife nearly to death with a heavy club and then drove the blade of a pair of scissors into his own heart.

—The Controller of the Currency has surprised the national banks of the country by calling for a report of their condition at the close of business August 1.

—Justice A. M. Craig, of the Illinois Supreme Court, is reported to have said that a new trial will not be granted the condemned anarchists at Chicago.

—Circulars describing the Rev. William Thomas Abbott West, wanted for the seduction and murder of Susie Beck, have been sent out by the St. Louis Chief of Police.

—While laboring under nervous excitement, Mrs. Lisle, of Lansingburg, New York, threw her child from the train and then jumped off, both sustaining injuries which resulted fatally.

—According to official reports there were 10,236 deaths from cholera in Chili during the period from January to June of this year, and the Government expended \$1,407,000 in fighting the epidemic.

—The earthquake of Tuesday morning was perceptible at many points in Kentucky and Tennessee. At Golden Pond, Trigg county, a farm of 300 acres is said to have sunk simultaneously with the shock.

—Col. Baldwin, district deputy collector, and Randenhang, a leading republican at Nicholasville, exchanged shots, but neither was hurt. A bystander named Hocker caught one of the bullets, but was not seriously damaged.

—A little negro girl, in South Carolina, is under sentence of death for killing a baby left in her charge. It would hardly seem that hanging was the proper thing in this case. Surely the child has not arrived at the age of responsibility.

—At Stouchberg, Pa., Tuesday, the oldest Lutheran church in the country was struck by lightning and destroyed. The corner-stone of the building was laid in 1743, rebuilt in 1788, and seriously damaged two years ago by a dynamite explosion.

—Hon. Phil B. Thompson, Jr., thinks that the judgment of the Federal Court against Taylor County will be reversed by the Supreme Court, to which an appeal has been taken, so far as relates to the appointment of the Marshal to collect taxes in the county.

—The proposition to subscribe \$100,000 to the Louisville, Cincinnati & Virginia railroad was carried in Clark by over 1,000 majority and the enthusiasm over it was unbounded. Work on the road will be commenced in 60 days and its speedy completion is assured.

—The Standard Interior Journal subscribes \$100 toward sending Hon. J. G. Carlisle off to a summer resort and hiring two doctors to cure him up. Mr. Carlisle's "disease" takes hold of him very frequently of late. He ought to have it cured. [Lexington Transcript.]

—In Jersey City Monday Mrs. Lillie Schlummer, aged 13, was shot and killed by her youthful husband, who had failed to persuade her to leave the parental roof with him. At Bridgeport, Conn., George Wittestein shot his wife three times and then himself, dying in 15 minutes. The wife's wounds are fatal.

—Mrs. Alice Watson sued her husband, W. P. Watson, for a divorce at Nashville. The decree was rendered Friday and two hours later the grass widow, who is 40 years old, was married to Lee Briggs, a boy 17 years of age. The couple were in the court room awaiting the decision and as soon as the divorce was granted they made a break for a license.

—Sixty-five millions of dollars is the snug little sum which Senator Stanford demands from the Government on account of the Central Pacific road. One item of \$20,000,000 is charged for the discount at which the bonds were placed owing to the gold premium, with the interest on this discount added, and most of the remainder is for alleged transportation which the Government did not get.

## GARRARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

Lancaster.

—Fox's vote in this county will reach 100. Four-fifths of the vote came from the democrats.

—The democrats have been looking a little blue over the election returns. They tender to Lincoln their sympathy in her great misfortune.

—The next thing is the trip up Salt river. The boat will contain the labor candidates, Mr. Fox and his crowd and Mr. B. and his crowd. B stands for Buckner and Bradley both.

—On last Tuesday a male, pulling a carriage containing the driver, horse and a little son of Mr. Ervine, the pastor of Paint Lick church, became frightened at the raising of an umbrella and ran off, kicking the vehicle to pieces, throwing the occupants out and badly bruising the horse and the little boy. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

—WHAT DID IT.—The Board of Equalization did it. The railroad commission did it. The announcement of the presence of the State troops at the inauguration did it. Perhaps too much burgo had something to do with it. Those who voted for Fox helped all they could to do it. Those who stayed at home did it. Convict labor had something to do with it. Garrard county democrats helped to do it. Lincoln county ditto. How about Boyle?

—J. C. Robinson and wife have gone to Estill Springs. John H. Woodcock has returned from Pulaski county. Hon. W. O. Bradley left for Louisville Wednesday morning. D. R. Collier has gone to Chattanooga. R. A. Burns is making a trip in the mountains. The wife of Capt. E. W. Lillard presented him with a girl baby on Wednesday. Master Sam Lusk, of Hustonville, is visiting his uncle, H. C. Kauffman. Mrs. Paddock, of Maysville, is visiting C. J. Doty.

—The Owsley Rifles will go into camp on Saturday, Aug. 6th, and remain until Monday the 8th, inclusive. The place of meeting will be called "Camp Joel Walker," in honor of J. J. Walker, Esq., upon whose land the tents will be pitched. The Lancaster Cadets, 20 strong, will accompany the Rifles. There will be dress parade each day and preaching by the chaplain on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The roster of the Rifles is 68 rank and file, and although the company is not yet two years old, it has seen 50 days of active service. The officers and men are all gentlemen, brave and true. Lancaster is proud of the company and her citizens fear no riots while we have the Owsley Rifles.

## A Cowardly Letter Writer.

[To the Editor of the Interior Journal.] CRAB ORCHARD, Aug. 2.—When you say that Tom Fish ran away from home and became a "fugitive from justice" because he felt that he was not justifiable in killing Joe Whitley, you tell a deliberate lie. It was because he knew that he could not get justice in a Stanford court. And anyone else in or near this town will testify to the same thing. A man from this town can no more get justice there than the parties who murdered Jim Hiett got justice there. And when I say these things I speak the sentiment of all the people in and around Crab Orchard. Truly, J. C. RINEHART.

We do not often notice publicly letters of the above contemptible nature, but seeing that the creature who wrote it professes to speak for the good people of Crab Orchard, we do so to say that we believe that the task is self imposed and that as good, as true and as law abiding a people can be found in Crab Orchard as anywhere. Law breakers are not tried generally by Stanford people, but by juries selected from all parts of the county and it is before such that Fish would be tried if he were in the hands of the law. The only idea of justice entertained by such cattle as the writer of the above is that murderers and other law-breakers should be allowed to go Scott free of their crimes. We do not care to banter words with a man who is "brave" enough to fire the lie at long range, through a letter, nor do we care to have anything to do with such imaginary bullies. We admire his discretion, however, more than his bravery and would suggest that he continue to apply his cowardly epithets from a distance, or we may be tempted to debate ourselves by applying our boot to that portion of his anatomy where it will do the most good.

## HUSTONVILLE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

—We don't hear much boasting over the result of the election, except in the case of one old gentleman, who still believes that Bobbitt is elected.

—Hastonsville Academy will open in the Christian College September 5th, under the auspices of B. F. Blakeman, M. G. Thompson, Miss Mary Thompson and Miss Alice Ford. The buildings are commodious, the grounds spacious and pleasant, course of instruction thorough, boarding department in skillful and kindly hands.

—The Geographical Party is said to have been a successful novelty. Of the 118 counties, whose names were on the badges, it is said that at least seven of the young gentlemen were able to guess the county seats corresponding to the badges they bore. This is not a fair test. Try us on the more useful and ornamental matters of education—the roster of various base ball nines, the proper build of a bicycle, the figure of a dance, the populus brand of cigarettes, the tie of a cravat, or the endurance of a horse and we'll "chip in."

## DANVILLE, BOYLE COUNTY.

—Workmen are engaged in making additional alterations to the circuit court room.

—The Jennie Holman theatrical troupe continues to draw good houses at the Opera House.

—The county judge, county clerk and sheriff are engaged this morning in making an official count of the votes cast at the election last Monday.

—The child of a man named Lee Stone fell Wednesday evening and broke its collar bone. Dr. Fayette Dunlap rendered surgical attention.

—On the 1st day of August Mr. John Webb and Miss Serilda J. Phelps obtained marriage license and on the 21st inst. Mr. J. T. Vermillion and Miss Nannie Whitehouse did the same thing.

—D. N. Hinman sold on Wednesday to Walker Richardson, of Louisville, a pair of bay horses 3 years old for \$700. Mr. Hinman also sold his half interest in his bay 4-year-old to Tip Bruce for \$210.

—The attendance at the fair on Tuesday and Wednesday averaged the usual number for the first two days. To-day and tomorrow the attendance will be increased, notwithstanding the weather is almost unbearably hot.

—Hon. M. J. Durham returned to Washington Wednesday. He expects to again visit Kentucky in October. Misses Lillian Healdley and Annie McDowell and Mr. Boyle O. Rodes left Tuesday for Waukesha, Wis. Col. William A. Hoskins, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, is here visiting his brother, John Hoskins, who is very ill with Bright's disease.

—John Taylor, the recently deceased First President of the Mormon church, was in no sense the peer of his predecessors, mentally or in moral courage. He is not a great loss to the church and his death will not effect its policy.

—In Assumption Parish, La., two young men, members of the best families, Frank Berthel and Edmund Geauzeaux, agreed to settle a difficulty by a fist fight, during which the former treacherously fatally stabbed the latter.

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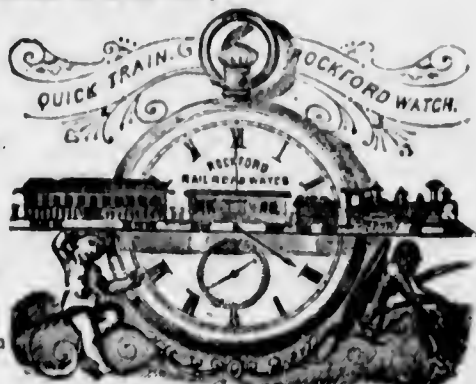
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# HEARTHSTONE, HETACOMBS.

If the coal stores of England were guarded by a terrible dragon, which exacted, like the least St. George, a tribute of human life, the sacrifice made of its ribs by civilization in mining could not possibly be greater. During last year the output of coal in the United Kingdom was close upon 160,000,000 tons, in bringing which to the surface over half a million workers were engaged. Puttable to say, however, no less than 1,200 of these unfortunate people perished outright throughout the twelve months, and the horrifying total of 100,000 men were dreadfully injured. These figures are little less than appalling, and they place the peaceful battle of human ingenuity wrestling her treasures from nature, on a par with the butchery of actual battle. Fit people live sad lives. Their work is done under severe conditions, away from the blessed blue of the sky, and in an often stifling atmosphere. It is even more appalling to reflect, that as every bread, and dinner, and tea-time comes round, eighty people are suddenly after a moment's burning, or otherwise, being a foreordained lay of eternal flame. These figures make one shudder for Sunday, so that every week 1,200 men, in the prime of life, are laid in the accident wards of a hospital.

## A BEAR STORY.

Some naturalists aver that a bear has a very keen sense of pleasure, and that in his ursine nature even lurks a dim sense of humor. Mr. Bell is said to be very fond of Mr. Jorg, and an American observer states that a hotel which is being erected in the great West a bear, the other day began to climb up the scaffolding. As he went aloft skyward, he was noticed to carefully test every cross-pole before trusting his entire weight upon it. At last he reached the top, which was 124 feet high. The bear seemed much pleased by his exploit, and after being applauded by the workmen, he descended in safety. Another tale from the same source, tells of a Siberian bear, who not only must be considered to have been a wonderfully good-natured. Two peasants lost a whole of children. They set out to find them, being filled with the most anxious forebodings as to what might have been their fate. In the distance they saw a bear, and feared the worst. But their anxiety changed to wonder when, on coming nearer, they saw the children actually playing with the bear, running laughing round it, and even going to its aid. We have every reason to believe that the bear, though very much pleased by his exploit, and after being applauded by the workmen, he descended in safety. Another tale from the same source, tells of a Siberian bear, who not only must be considered to have been a wonderfully good-natured. Two peasants lost a whole of children. They set out to find them, being filled with the most anxious forebodings as to what might have been their fate. In the distance they saw a bear, and feared the worst. But their anxiety changed to wonder when, on coming nearer, they saw the children actually playing with the bear, running laughing round it, and even going to its aid. We have every reason to believe that the bear, though very much pleased by his exploit, and after being applauded by the workmen, he descended in safety.

## AVERSION TO POCKETS.

It is a mystery to the masculine mind how a woman gets along with so few pockets. How does she dispose of all the little necessities which are equally necessary to both sexes? To get rid of a watch-pocket she sometimes ties her belt round the waist, and the single pocket which she may have, is probably devoted to her handkerchief. We say this tentatively, however, not knowing certainly, and wishing to avoid dangerous ground. Whatever it is used for, it is very small—almost extraordinary, in fact—and, when we have attached it to the handkerchief, it will be more than full, and probably the handkerchief will visibly outside and run over. There is one curious thing that we do not know about this pocket matter, that we never can, and never shall try to account for. The pocket-book, so named because it was either made expressly to carry in the pocket or the pocket was first made expressly to carry it, women and girls do not carry there. It makes no difference whether a woman's pocket-book contains ten cents or a thousand dollars, she will not, on any account, be induced to put it in her pocket—the only place she will ever use it in. This is certainly one of the most curious facts in the history of the pocket, but we find that in the South the pocket is given the preference and the hands left free.

## "KANGAROOING."

Kangarooing is the most interesting sport in Australia. It is one of the most exciting sports in the world. Large meets are organized, parties of from twenty to thirty joining in these bouts. They ride to the kangaroo grounds, and as soon as one is sighted the two dogs are released and the horses are given their heads. If the Australian horse is well up in his business, and if you let him take you instead of you trying to take him, he will carry you safely, avoiding the trees and underbrush. A good, strong kangaroo will give you a long chase, and very often the dogs cannot follow him. In this case, when the horseman gets up to the kangaroo he takes off his stirrups and strap and knocks the animal over the head, which effectually stuns him. He is then killed and skinned. The hind quarters are given to the dogs. Yes, it is good enough eating, but too strong to be palatable to those of delicate taste. The tail, on the contrary, is considered by epicures to be delicious when made into soup. The average size of a kangaroo is about four and a half feet high, but the "old man" kangaroo is often six feet high, and is very fierce when cornered, and is known to have ripped men open with a single blow from one of his hind legs.

# Scientific.

For turning and drilling wrought iron and steel, one ounce of a mixture of soft soap, with half its weight of pearlash, in about one gallon of boiling water, is in everyday use in most engineering shops. The work, though constantly moist, does not rust.

The Germans have been making experiments with a view to ascertaining the relative strength of hard and soft steel and iron beams or girders. The results show that the soft steel girders were twenty-two per cent, and the hard steel girders sixty-six per cent, stronger than the iron girders, and the strength of steel girders was found substantially the same for the two flanges when similar in section.

A handy device for facing up cylinders is made by clamping an arm to the sliding collar of an ordinary cylinder bar. The arm has a tool post attached to it by means of a gibbed slide and feed screw, similar to the cross-feed of an ordinary slide rest. By turning the feed screw, this arm, as it makes each revolution, the cylinder may be faced a distance equal to the inverse of tool on the arm above mentioned.

A French geologist has called attention to the effect of gravitation in helping up sea water upon the land. The continents are thus all situated at the tops of hills of water, and in crossing the Atlantic the ship has first to go down half then to cross a valley, and climb another hill. The calculation has been made that in mid-ocean the surface may be more than half a mile (400) metres below the level it would have if the continents exerted no attraction.

Prof. Bell is confident that telephonic communication may be established between passing vessels at sea. He believes a wire a mile in length, trailed behind a ship, will so charge the water with electricity that a vessel coming within half a mile of another thus equipped may communicate with it. "The principle," he says, "is not new; it is old, with a new use was here for commerce to utilize it. I have experimented in the Potomac, and marvelled at the simplicity of the apparatus and the stupendous importance of the results."

New Zealand reports that a Dandelin electrical engineering firm is carrying out a contract for the transmission of power to run a stationing battery of twenty cells. The scheme of operations is a gold mine in the mountainous country some thirty miles long. The battery is transmitted from a waterfall in the neighboring valley, straight over a mountain of about 2000 feet in height, and for a distance of about two miles. The conducting wire is of the same size as an ordinary telegraph wire, but of copper, and is suspended from telegraph insulators in the usual manner.

It is very easy to make any ordinary paper temporarily translucent by simply dampening it with a sponge moistened with benzine. In this condition it is sufficiently transparent to permit of the lines of a drawing being seen through it, and of ink or water colors being used on its surface without running. As the benzine evaporates the paper loses its translucency and assumes its ordinary opaque appearance. If this occurs too quickly, the part can easily be dampened again with the benzine. The faint smell of the oil which will remain will disappear in a day or two if the paper is left exposed to the air.

The results of experiments made thus far in the purification of water by aeration have attracted much notice. This method is well known to be based on the discovery that the action of air in purifying water is greatly increased by mixing the air and water under pressure. A Fairbank, Philadelphia, turbine engine was converted into an air-pump, which delivered twenty per cent, by volume of free air into the water main, this being the proportion found necessary to surcharge the water. Analysis showed that the quantity of free oxygen, in the aerated water was seventeen per cent, greater than before aeration, while the quantity of carbonic acid was fifty-three per cent, greater, and that of the total dissolved gases was sixteen per cent, greater.

The constant discovery of natural gas in and about Pittsburg in wells giving from 1,000,000 to 10,000,000 daily supply is the marvel of the times. There have been improvements in the pipe joints and measures perfect and adopted to prevent waste. The future of this gas and its uses are beyond conjecture. A patent for the process of changing it into an illuminant has been granted. The main feature of the process is the bursting of the natural gas molecules by heat and mixing it with the finer gases. It is claimed that this process will cheapen illuminating gas one-fifth. Another new system of producing heat with natural gas has been brought forward, and a favorable opinion of it has been expressed by experts. The scheme is to effect the union of a spray of water with natural gas, evolving an extra degree of caloric. The spray is injected into the flame of the burning gas, and the decomposition of the water and the combination of the released hydrogen and oxygen with the natural gas, and the combination of the new compound, generates the heat.

# FORMATION OF THIS CONTINENT.

The opinion is expressed by an eminent American scientist in a recent lecture, that the North American continent had the beginning of its formation in islands arising out of the immense ocean, which grew until they finally touched each other. Many of these islands were volcanoes that threw up matter that had formed beneath the surface of the water, and were larger below the water than above it. The Hawaiian Islands have had many volcanoes, and were much formed by them. Their whole area above the sea is more than that of the State of Massachusetts, but their combined bases must be equal to the whole of New England and New York united. Thus the original islands of this continent could easily have been made to enlarge and join each other, and the granite rock so abundant was doubtless once erupted from volcanoes, like flowing lava. Among the West volcanic islands must have been Greenland, Canada east of Winnipeg, the Atlantic district, the Rocky Mountains, and the Sierra Nevada, but as the islands rose and enlarged, great depressions would naturally ensue, and go on and in this way the depressions of Hudson's Bay, the Mississippi valley, and the St. Lawrence and New York basins, until after the depressions would have a saucer or platter shape.

## THE CUCKOO'S EGG.

The fact of the cuckoo's egg being found in another bird's nest—indeed, of the cuckoo having no nest of its own—was known in very early times. It laid its eggs in other birds' nests. But then came this difficulty: some of these nests were too small to admit the cuckoo, and in many cases her egg was found in a nest to which the only opening was at the side. It was a puzzle to naturalists; but the puzzle was solved. There are two or three stones that one reads in all the books. Magell, vary is the character of one. In June, 1878, two sons of a farmer near Coonmire saw a cuckoo in very suspicious circumstances, which led them to watch it. The bird deliberately picked up an egg in its bill, looked at it cautiously to see whether it was observed, and then hopped off with its burden. It followed its instinct in this matter, and the boys followed theirs. In fact, they followed the cuckoo until at last they saw it rise and fly away. Going to the place, they found a titlark's nest protected by a canopy of strong heather twigs, and in that nest was a cuckoo's egg. With the assistance of a telescope, a forester of the name of Miller watched the proceedings of an insect-eating hen-cuckoo. He saw her lay an egg on a bank, take it up in her bill, carry it off to a nest close by, in which nest a wagtail's egg was found a few minutes afterward.

## DIVING FOR £100,000.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: The English divers and Captain B. F. Stevens, Lloyd's surveyor, have just returned from the island of Grand Canary after raising a sum of no less than £100,000. This amount was lying submerged 150 feet deep, about a mile from the south-eastern limit of the island of Grand Canary. The treasure went down in 1872, in a brand new Spanish steamer called the *Alphonso XII*. The steamer had on board £100,000 worth of Spanish dollars on their way to Cuba. The insurance on the money was effected at Lloyd's, and was paid over to the insurers after the vessel foundered. After a lapse of over a year Captain B. F. Stevens and three English divers were sent out to Grand Canary to try and recover the sunken treasure. They succeeded in bringing up one box containing specie of the value of £1000 each, but the tenth box could not be found, and the divers had to come away without it. The money was in the main—most of it at the bottom of the ship. The divers had to be forced by explosion, and when the main-deck was reached the plucky divers had to haul the boxes from one deck to another until the top deck of the vessel was reached. Fortunately the fear that the vessel might be sunk deeper by the explosion was realized, but thousands of dead fish were sent to the surface.

## NEEDHAM'S IDEA.

An interesting experiment was devised 137 years ago by an English Catholic priest, named Needham, in association with the French naturalist Buffon, but only properly carried out seventeen years later by an Italian philosopher, the Abbe Spallanzani. His purpose was the same as Needham's, to keep an organic substance so that nothing could alight on it from without in order to find whether, under such conditions, life could spontaneously develop within it. So minute are the organisms, however, that multitudes might be deposited, unseen, from the air during even a few minutes' exposure. With great ingenuity the altered circumstances met. It was argued that heat would destroy organisms, as it destroys other living things. So an organic infusion was placed in a flask and boiled, and while it was boiling the neck of the flask was fused and sealed by a hot flame. Thus any living thing in the infusion must have been killed and no others could enter. When this had been properly done the flask might be kept for years without any animal-life (so called) ever appearing in the infusion.

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